THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Agreement with railways for barrier-free-railway stations

1455. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any agreement with the Railway to help and advise in creating barrier-free-railways stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent Government have encouraged the NIOH, Kolkata to stress for creating a barrier-free atmosphere in the Railways;

(d) the details of the steps taken by NIOH, Kolkata in this regard; and

(e) the steps proposed to encourage NIOH, Kolkata to widen its work base on the creation of barrier-free-zones in the country for physically disabled people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Since creation of barrier-free environment in Railways comes under the purview of Ministry of Railways, no specific instructions have been issued to National Institute for the Orthopaedically Hadicapped (NIOH) in this regard.

Enlisting tribes in ST list

1456. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA. Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests are pending with Government from Andhra Pradesh to enlist some tribes in the ST list;

(b) if so, the details of such tribes; and

(c) the decision taken so far?